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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents, Local Education Agency Superintendents, and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Statement Regarding M-STEP Assessment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work in helping launch this new era of assessments for Michigan schools and the children we educate. I have asked our Michigan Department of Education (MDE) staff to maintain its vigilance in ensuring the most valid and reliable outcomes. I trust that every school involved in the new M-STEP assessment will follow the current Assessment Integrity Guidelines passed by the State Board of Education in 2009. While we are working on an updated set of guidelines that will incorporate online assessment, I am asking you and our team here at the MDE to apply the same principles of assessment integrity to online assessments that we have applied to paper and pencil assessment methods. The MDE will continue to monitor both paper and pencil, and online assessments, to ensure as smooth an administration as we have all planned and worked towards.

Questions regarding this communication may be directed to Andy Middlestead, Director, Office of Standards and Assessments, at [middlesteada@michigan.gov](mailto:middlesteada@michigan.gov) or 877-560-8378.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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